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JOHN BULL'S MEANNESS TOWARD A FOREMOST INVENTOR.

All Things British Tried Hard to Crush the Discoverer of the "Bessemer Process"—The Great Change Wrought by the Invention—Bessemer's Safety Stamp.

The inventor of the celebrated "Bessemer process" is the most modest of men, shunning rather than courting observation. A few years since he was sometimes to be seen taking a "constitutional" in the neighborhood of his unpretentious abode at Denmark Hill, in England, but the venerable gentleman with the benevolent face, in the old fashioned frock coat and voluminous, many folded choker neckcloth, is now rarely seen even by his immediate neighbors.

The British public, the British government and British manufacturers did their very best at one time to crush one of the most useful men ever born in Britain, and failed ignominiously. Sheffield laughed at him, and Woolwich gave him the official cold shoulder, but Sheffield and Woolwich would be crippled indeed at the present time were it not for "Bessemer steel." Yet, even now, although foreign potentates have showered crosses and stars upon him, the English government has not conferred upon him any honor more important than an ordinary knighthood, and this in spite of the fact that he has created one of the largest and most important industries in the world.

Some fascinating calculations, made by Sir Henry himself, prove that one year's production of Bessemer steel might be represented by a solid column 16½ times the height of St. Paul's cathedral, and as thick through as an ordinary gasometer—about 100 feet.

Henry Bessemer, son of the late Mr. Anthony Bessemer, was born in Hertfordshire in the year 1813. His earlier years were devoted to art, and we find that he was an exhibitor at the Royal academy at the age of 20. At this early age he had discovered a means by which impressions of the designs on coins, medals and other reliefs could be reproduced in any numbers on cardboard. Some of his work in this line is still extant, and when specimens come into the market they bring high prices.

This led him indirectly to a more important invention. He discovered that the government of the time was robbed to the tune of £100,000 per annum by unscrupulous persons, who were in the habit of removing the embossed duty stamps on legal and other documents and using the same again. Young Bessemer invented the useful little contrivance by which the stamp is embossed on the paper or parchment of the document itself, and submitted it to the then chief of the stamp department at Somerset House.

The potentate in question saw the advantage of this system at a glance, and soon afterward the authorities expressed their willingness to make use of it. A pretty little story is connected with this invention. When his model was completed, Bessemer showed it to the young lady to whom he was then engaged. Her first comment upon it showed that she was well fitted to become the wife of an inventor. She said:

"Yes, I understand this, but surely, if all stamps had a date put upon them, they could not at a future time be used again without detection."

This proved a very valuable suggestion, for Bessemer soon hit upon the idea of a steel die with a space for a movable date, and in that form his invention was adopted by the authorities. Will it be credited that he never received a solitary farthing from the government for his services or the use of his invention?

Such is nevertheless the fact, and when he hinted mildly at legal remedies he was told by the solicitor to the stamp department that he was entitled to no compensation, inasmuch as he had presented his invention to the government gratis. This was at a time, too, when he was by no means well off, when indeed he lacked the necessary money to set up housekeeping with the clever young lady whose brilliant suggestion had resulted in a perfect stamping machine! He received many generous promises from various ministers, of course, but one government went out of power after another, and to this day he has never been compensated in any shape or form.

A man of vast wealth now, Sir Henry Bessemer can afford to regard the troubles of that period of his life with comparative indifference, though he has since had more ample reason to cherish a dislike for all British governments and politicians. But his disappointment in this instance taught him a very salutary lesson. When he made the great discovery of his life—that by which it is possible to convert pig iron into steel by a simple and inexpensive process—he kept his discovery a secret. To some extent it is a secret to this day. The importance of the discovery can hardly be overestimated.

Before the Bessemer process came into use steel could not be bought under £50 a ton, and its price prohibited its use in numberless departments of industry where it is now considered essential. At that time, too, only 51,000 tons of cast steel were produced in Sheffield in a year. In 1892, 33,546 tons of steel were manufactured in the world every day according to the Bessemer process, the selling price per ton averaging £8 perhaps. It is chiefly due to Sir Henry Bessemer that one is almost as safe on a modern ocean steamship as on land, and that the modern structure of steel is nearly as imperishable as the Pyramids.

Such a discovery, it might be supposed, would be hailed with enthusiasm by those interested in the iron trade of Great Britain. Not a bit of it. Bessemer met with every possible discouragement. The steel manufacturers of Sheffield were dead against him from the first, and the government ignored him.—Boston Commercial Bulletin.

FOR JOINT FESTIVITIES.

Committee of St. Paul and Metropolitan Lodges Arrange for K. F. Ball.

At a meeting held last evening of the joint committees of St. Paul and Metropolitan lodges, Knights of Pythias, on arrangements for a proper observance of the 32d anniversary of Pythianism, arrangements were made for a grand entertainment and ball at Industrial hall the evening of Feb. 18, when addresses are to be made by C. J. Searle and C. W. Schlegel on the part of the respective lodges, and there will be a banquet and ball.

The joint committees on arrangements is composed as follows: St. Paul Lodge—C. J. Searle, A. D. Huesing, H. von Koeckritz, F. W. Weisler, H. W. Smythe. Metropolitan Lodge—Lee Plau, S. L. Allard, Ed Wagner, M. H. Sexton and W. E. Ivins.

COAL VALLEY.

COAL VALLEY, Feb. 4.—Mining operations are slack owing to the unfavorable weather.

The roads are in bad condition. George Somerson has opened another saloon at Sherrard.

The King's Daughters held their monthly meeting at the residence of J. J. Pryce.

Twenty-eight persons without homes or money were lodged and fed by the village during January. The Christian Endeavor society's union meeting Sunday evening was well attended despite the bad roads, which prevented a number from Beulah in coming. The meeting was a very interesting one.

Several of the Scott county supervisors visited the poor farm Thursday to ascertain the manner of conducting such an institution. They were favorably impressed with the building and management.

The Colons Protective association had a meeting at Krapp's hall Saturday. Nothing of importance came before the body except the announcement of a deficit in the treasury, which was reimbursed by a 25-cent assessment on each member.

COUNTY BUILDING.

Transfers.

Feb. 1.—Edgar Humphrey to commissioner of highway of Cordova township, tract by metes and bounds, sw 1/4 5, 20, 2c, \$26.63.

3.—Chester Lillibridge to S. W. Bowser, tract by metes and bounds, 6, 16, 5w, \$155.

J. C. Bisant to August Swanson, tract by metes and bounds, ne 1/4 6, 17, 1c, \$35.

Henry Armstrong to C. G. Walther, part sw 1/4 33, 19, 2c, \$1.

R. C. Letsch to state of Illinois, tracts by metes and bounds sw 1/4 29, 18, 1c, \$600.

R. E. Bemiss to R. G. Letsch, tract by metes and bounds sw 1/4 29, 18, 1c, \$1.

Andrew Letsch to R. C. Letsch, tract by metes and bounds sw 1/4 29, 18, 1c, \$10.

Daniel McNeal to state of Illinois, tract by metes and bounds sw 1/4 19, 18, 1c, \$11,035.

John E. Babcock to heirs to state of Illinois, nw 1/4 29, 18, 1c, w 90 acres ne 1/4 29, 18, 1c, \$24,100.

W. E. Stevens to state of Illinois, 26 acres in Henry McNeal's sub div., se 1/4 19, 18, 1c, ne 1/4 30, 18, 1c, \$2,600.

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Elmer Fowler, Miss Effie Gable, Fairview, Iowa.

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Amusements.

Hoyt's "A Texas Steer" is to be seen at the Burtis next Friday evening with an excellent company headed by Tim Murphy.

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BRIEF MENTION.

Lives of rich men oft remind us we can make our pile some time, And by advertising largely is the way to get in line.

Hard coal at McKown's. "The Lovely Malincourt" next. The best broom—Lee's Little Gem. O. L. Bruner, of Taylor Ridge, was in the city yesterday.

Watch for the opening chapters of "The Lovely Malincourt."

Mrs. Mary H. Wadsworth is visiting relatives at Indianapolis, Ind.

Twin-City club dance at Roche's hall every Saturday night—25 cents. Misses Hattie Schroeder and Grace Haley left for Chicago this afternoon on a short visit.

Mrs. P. B. Grafton is here from Packwood, Iowa, on a visit to her son, Rev. T. W. Grafton, and wife.

The stage of water at the Rock Island bridge this morning was 1:90 and stationary; the temperature 32.

Elmer Fowler and Miss Effie Gable were pronounced one by Magistrate Schroeder yesterday afternoon. The happy couple are from Grandview, Iowa.

T. D. Eagal will serve an opening lunch Saturday evening at his new saloon, corner Second avenue and Twentieth street, and would be pleased to meet all his friends.

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Warner have been called to Rockford by the critical illness of the latter's aged father, who is suffering a paralytic stroke, from the effects of which it is feared he cannot recover.

Articles incorporating the East Moline Tool company have been filed in the circuit clerk's office. The capital stock of the company is placed at \$75,000, divided into 750 shares. Albert May, A. W. Shiring, E. B. Kries and W. N. Packer compose the board of directors.

The Epworth league of the First M. E. church will hold its regular monthly business meeting and social Friday evening in the Sunday school room. The program will be in commemoration of St. Valentine's day. All have a cordial invitation to attend. Business meeting at 7:30, program at 8 o'clock.

A 2-story cold storage building is being erected by H. Tremann's Sons at the rear of their meat market on Seventeenth street. The structure is to be of brick with Portage sandstone trimmings, and will afford quite an improvement to the street. C. J. W. Schreiner has the contract. The building will cost about \$3,000.

From over in the east end of Rock Island county comes the news to THE ARGUS that there abides in the neighborhood of Coal Valley a rural genius who may yet enjoy distinction in the electrical world with Edison and Tesla, in the person of Frank C. Killing, who has already made numerous inventions and who is a devoted student to the mysteries of electrical science.

At the evangelistic services this evening at the United Presbyterian church, Mr. Bell will preach on the subject, "Look and Live." The attendance last night was large and several ministers were present. Mr. McNary, the singer, sang a solo with good effect, "To Thee, O Lord." He will sing a solo again this evening. The meetings begin at 7:30 sharp.

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